

CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

1. A sling for emergency transport of a person comprising, in combination:
an elongate, flexible material blanket having a top end, a bottom end, a longitudinal axis extending from the top end to the bottom end, an outside face and an inside face, said longitudinal axis generally defining a mid line, said blanket having a symmetric configuration on the opposite sides of the longitudinal axis between the top end and the bottom end, said blanket having a greater width portion below the top end, said blanket having said outside face including a plurality of fastening members in aligned array on the opposite sides of the axis, said top end comprising a lesser width section having opposite lateral sides without fastening members, an elongate strap connecting the opposite lateral sides of the top end and forming a means for pulling the sling while maintaining support of the head of a person positioned on the inside face of the top end.
2. The sling of Claim 1 wherein the blanket has a generally uniform width below the top end, said blanket being foldable over a person on the inside face.
3. The sling of Claim 1 further including an auxiliary strap affixed to the bottom end for retaining the bottom end folded at least partially toward the top end.
4. The sling of Claim 1 further including at least one handgrip strap on the outside face.
5. The sling of Claim 1 further including a plurality of handgrip straps on the outside face arrayed in pairs on opposite sides of the longitudinal axis.

6. The sling of Claim 1 wherein the elongate strap at the top end has a U-shaped configuration with first and second spaced legs connected by a crown, said legs each being attached to the top end at an equal distance from the axis.

7. The sling of Claim 6 further including a connecting support strap transverse to the axis connecting the legs of the elongate strap, said elongate strap and support strap attached to the outside face of the sling.

8. The sling of Claim 1 further including first and a second attachment members attached respectively to the outside face of the blanket and extending longitudinally from the bottom end to the top end, said first and second attachment member each spaced from the axis to provide a side support for the sling for use as a stretcher.

9. The sling of Claim 8 wherein the attachment members each comprise an elongate strap.

10. A personnel transport sling comprising, in combination:
a flexible pad having a longitudinal central line axis, a top end, a bottom end and opposite side edges, said pad being generally symmetrical about the axis and sized to generally encapsulate a person by folding about the edges toward each other about the axis, said top end including a projecting head support section;

a first set of transverse fasteners for retaining the opposite edges in a folded condition;

a second set of drag straps extending generally parallel to the axis, at least one strap for extending from each side at the top end for gripping to drag the sling and contents thereof; and

a cross strap extending between drag straps, said cross strap attached to the head support section to effect elevation thereof upon elevation of the drag straps.

11. The sling of claim 10 further including an axial strap extending from the bottom end for folding over and supporting the bottom end upon dragging of the sling.

12. The sling of claim 10 including a plurality of transverse straps spaced axially.